

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: David S. BREED et al.  
Serial No.: Not yet known  
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For: SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING THE  
OCCUPANCY STATE OF A SEAT IN A  
VEHICLE



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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 29, 1999

Sir:

Applicants herewith submits a list of references cited during the prosecution of the parent application, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/382,406. A copy of all of the references can be found in the parent applications.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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